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due him, which not being forthcoming,

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President, F. J. Cross; vice president.

following named form the new director-



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## TO REOPEN WIRELESS TELEGRAPH

Annual Meeting of Inter-Island System.

#### **FUNDS IN SIGHT** TO OPERATE IT

Deal is Now Pending with Financier-Election of Officers and Directors.

IRELESS telegraph affairs in Hawaii were thoroughly discussed at the annual meeting of the shareholders and directors of the Inter-Island Telegraph Company, held yesterday afternoon in the office of F. J. Cross, Stangenwald building, and if certain negotiations which are now pending are successful, a local financial house will place funds in the hands of the directors with which to reopen the system, which has been closed since November last. It was stated by Manager Cross in his verbal report of the condition of the Inter-Island Telegraph Company that Marconi had broken his contract with the local company by not furnishing it with duplicating mechanism and necessary materials to rehabilitate the poles at the various stations, and this fact caused the comparry to suspend its operations. Mr. Cross also stated that while on a business trip to the mainland he had secured tubes for the poles and had arranged to rearrange the system when the inefficiency of the operators. At the it was found necessary from lack of end of that time the system was workfunds to shut down. The salaries of ing satisfactorily. About that time Marthe operators were in arrears, certain members of the directorate had given he refused to supply any more material; notes to the banks for the payment of consequently the tubes began to play out, back salaries, and had done everything and the manager not being able to get in their individual capacities to keep any more, the system began to work the system in operation, but all to no poorly, until on November 25 they shut purpose. The stockholders who failed down entirely, no messages getting to pay their assessments and still re- through after that date. Mr. Cross left fuse to do so are blamed for the fallure for the States in September, his object of the company to keep its plant in being to get new tubes, so that he could operation, and their utter refusal to make the repairs himself. He returned pay the assessments has reduced the with some of the material and he has company to a bank account of \$5 and even this has been garnished.

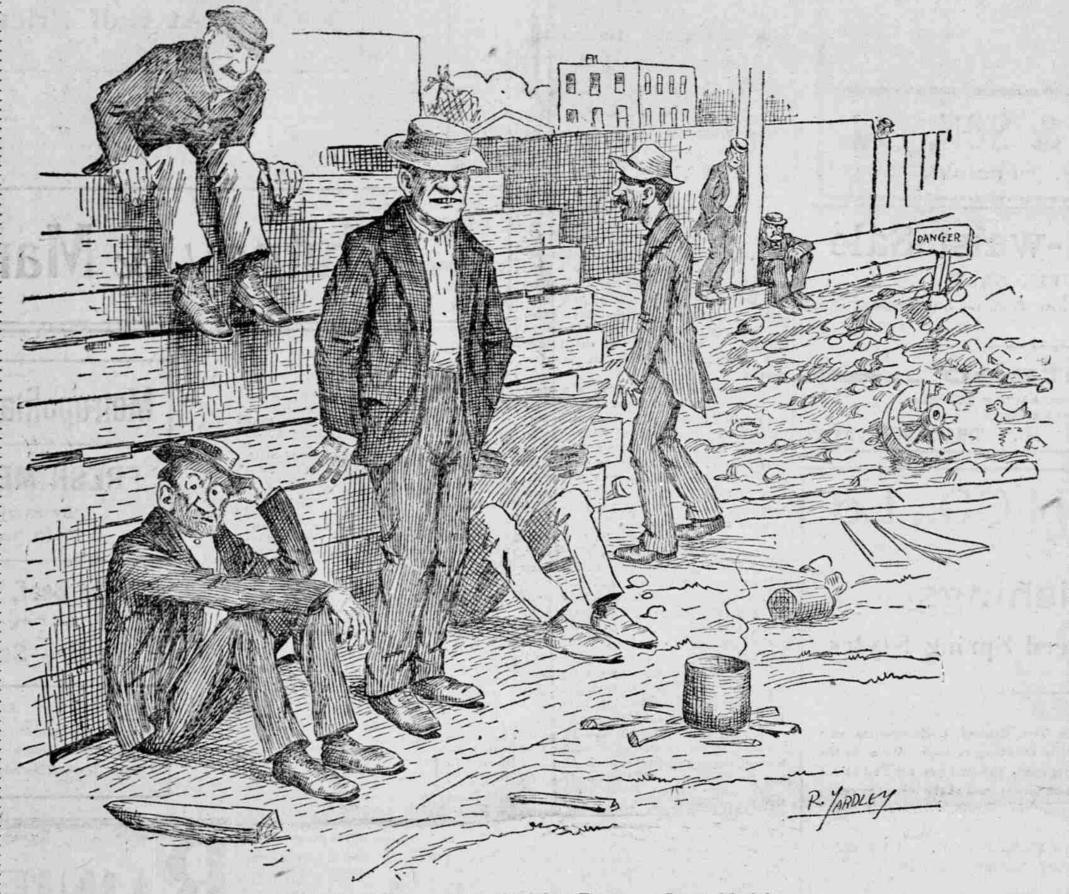
There were some among the directors sent to the stations, the batteries were who had at previous times voiced their then found to be very weak. Treasurer doubts as to the system proving suc- Hutchins produced new batteries here cessful. At yesterday's meeting, how- and forwarded them, but many are still commercial standpoint, and said they in the system, which has been demon- ment will be signed at once. were willing to put their shoulders to strated to work as promised, but the negotiations which would put the comnegotiations which would put the coming failed to pay in their assessments.

pany again on its feet. All that was Mr. Cross said he would turn back his tania street, along that road to McCulneeded at present was enough money to promotor's stock in order that paid-up ly street, thence direct to the Waikiki poses very close to the scene of the for the various island stations, fit in for what they had paid in, and he sugthe new tubes and replenish the bat- gested that the proposition mentioned at the Walkiki road is near the corner of at the quarries of Ashley & Paris, teries. This done, the messages could a former directors' meeting, that the old road to the beach, and opposite very close to the end of McCully was to sail in the afternoon, William be sent as well as when the system capital be reduced from \$190,000 to \$50,000 the residence of Fred Harrison. The street. The filling will be hauled down Farrant, a well known Honolulan, was was at its best. It developed during or \$00,000, be adopted. the meeting that the tubes had become | W. H. Hoogs favored the reduction of of road and of this amount there will it is needed, and this will permit the morning at his home and fell lifeless non-sensitive, and would not respond the capital. He said there had been too be something like 1200 feet which will to a wave. When Manager Cross was many "peanut stockholders" in the com- require filling to the level of the streets switches are now being prepared at the to a wave. When Manager Cross was pany when it started, and these had in most need of new supplies, the rup- really blocked the successful operation Marconi, and the system then became tively refused to meet the assessments laying of the line of road, but also the terial to arrive from the States. There purpose of getting relief. Previous to ture ensued between the company and of the system, as they failed and posinothing has been done in the way of thought if men of financial standing line of McCully street, through the sub-

Those present at the meeting were be bright. He had faith in the entire will be the most extensive part of the roadbed is prepared for the running of Manager and President F. J. Cross, Sec- proposition, and wanted to see the sysretary W. R. Farrington, Treasurer C. J tem once more operating. Hutchins, R. C. Brown, J. H. Fisher, \$24,000, and there were now \$9,000 to be Robert Catton, and W. H. Hoogs. There considered. On the new basis of reducwere 1071 shares out of 2000 represented, ing the capitalization, issuing paid-up were 1071 shares out of 2000 represented. Ing the captainty to see him. As she treasurer Hutchins made a verbal restock to the assessable stockholders, and than three months' time. The result is back to the direct Waikiki road at the entered the room she saw that he was port, saying there was \$5 in the bank, which had been garnished. There was debts, which would give the company a cars along the line until nearly the bringing pressure to bear upon the an indebtedness of \$9,000, Robert Catton financial footing. being the principal creditor. There was \$14,000 in assessments unpaid which could not be brought in, none of the share- W. W. Hall; secretary, W. R. Farringholders evincing a disposition to yield up ton; treasurer, Clinton J. Hutchins; audia cent of what was due. Even those who tor, R. C. Brown; These officers and the had continually paid their assessments ate: C. A. De Cew. J. A. Magoon, E. O.

had now joined the others. Marager Cross said that after the directors said that after the Honolulu Iron Works, and recently having placed the Honolulu Iron Works and the Honolulu Iron Works and the Honolulu Iron Works are the Honolulu Iron Works and the Honolulu Iron Works are the Honolulu Iron Works and the Honolulu Iron Works are the Honolulu Iron Works and the Honolulu Iron Works are the Honolulu Iron three months afterward, it did not pay which may be obtained, and start the bed his refrigerator of a quantity of in Honolulu by Mr. Warde and his full forty-nine years of age, and a native expenses or interest, largely owing to system again.

### VAGRANT HONOLULU.



Plenty of Tramps Why Not Put Them on Street Work?

#### RAPID TRANSIT TO START WORK ON WAIKIKI LINE

#### Contracts for the Extension from Wilder Avenue to the Main Road by Way of McCully Street Approved.

made tubes which work satisfactority, but now there is no money to install the operators again. When the tubes were ever, even these men expressed their on the landing docks on the various istabsolute faith in the value of the wire- ands, there being no money to move Kee, the contractor who built the Ka- tion. The matter of the roads to be less telegraph system from a broad them to the stations. There is no fault lihi line, were approved and the docu- followed has not been adjusted, but

The contract will provide for the conthe wheel and assist in bringing about company has been operating on short struction of the line from the corner of next few weeks. entire line will comprise about 6300 feet, that street direct to the point at which stricken with heart failure yesterday at each end of the line.

work, for while the road itself could the ears.

there will be no let-up until the entire completed.

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butter, etc.

the Rapid Transit line from directors of the company have not held by Robert W. Anderson, Presimade definite arrangements for the dent; W. A. Kolmar, Vice-President; Punahou to Waikiki will begin route and rights of way, farther than W. L. Whitney, Treasurer; J. A. M. at once. By action of the Board of Di- the end of McCully street, it is expected rectors of that company yesterday all that the complete arrangements will the conditions of the contract which be concluded before the construction of Auditor. the present line and thus there will be there are such preliminaries concluded that there seems to be no doubt of the

construction within the time set.

Rapid Transit Company's shops, and health for some time, and the contem-The contract will call not only for the there will be no further delays for maagreed upon. The same had been true putting down of the rock and earth is now on the way the remainder of his sudden attack there was nothing to practically useless. Since November in the case of the Nahiku plantation, He filling along the present undeveloped the electrical supplies which will be indicate that Mr. Farrant was other could be brought into touch with the af- division of property controlled by the for the operation of this extension, and the journey, and his death was therefairs of the company, the outlook would Walkiki Land Company. This filling the equipment will be ready when the fore all the more sad.

cars within something like two Waikiki who have been sending in pe- and Mrs. Farrant was eating breakfast. months, the filling will occupy more titions for the running of the electric She heard her husband call and went time and may not be complete in less line down through the old road and into the parlor to see him. As she marketing the remaining stock, there that there is the longer period given to Bishop switch, and the advocates of in the throst of an attack of some kind, would be a surplus after paying the the contractor and there will be no the use of the direct road are also members of the directorate, but as yet to catch his falling body in her arms. The significance of the work lies in there has been reached no decision as Drs. Cooper and Wood were called and the fact that this is the practical com- to the matter, and there will be none prenounced the cause of death valvumencement of the road to Walkiki, and until ortain arrangements have been removed to the Honolulu Undertaking

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Colonel Macharina to the connected with the was for some time connected with the Honolulu Iron Works, and recently the Honolulu Iron Works, and recently to negotiate a loan to cover advances. George Farr, who lives in Kalihi, had company from May 8th to the 20th, at of Brighton, England.

the Opera House. Full scenic productions will be given, and the repertoire includes one or two of the plays especially written for Mr. Warde.

Metropole Incorporated.

Articles of incorporation of the Metropole Building Co. were filed with Treasurer Wright yesterday for the purpose of taking and controlling the business of the office and lodging building on Alakea street, now maintained by Jennie H. Nichols. The capital stock is \$20,000, divided into shares of \$100 each, and of which Jennie H. Nichols holds 195 shares. One share each is Johnson, Secretary, and F. Hustace,

### WIFE'S ARMS

William Farrant Expires on Day He Was to Sail for Coast.

While preparing for his intended dewhich are in the Metcaif road, and this parture on the steamer Alameda, which into the arms of his wife. The de- | feature of the matter, owing to develop-All the bent rails for the curves and ceased has not been in the best of

Mr. Farrant was sitting in the parbe put in condition for the running of There have been many residents of for of his home, at 55 School street lar disease of the heart. The body was parlors, and the funeral will take place under the auspices of the Masons, of majority in the control of Mr. Macfarwhich body the deceased was a mem- lane.

## MUST BE ARBITER

Bank Matter Is To Be Taken There.

#### STAMP TAX LAW WAS REPEALED

New Directors Reelect Old Officers of the Institution and Desire to Stand Firm.

T THEIR meeting held yesterday afternoon the directors of the First National bank of Hawaii, chosen on Tuesday, reelected the former officers of that institution. These are Cecil Brown, President, and Walter 3. Cooper, Cashier.

In the interest of the mainland stocknolders of the bank, whose proxies he held, but was not allowed to vote at the meeting of Tuesday, Col. G. W. Macfarlane yesterday retained United States District Attorney Dunne to prepare a bill in mandamus to have declared null and void the action of the stockholders' meeting and to compel the holding of another meeting.

As a result of the ruling of President Brown that the proxies of Col. Macfarlane were not legal, in that they were not stamped according to law, It was developed yesterday that the internal revenue, or war tax law, of March 2, 1901, omits mention of the matter of proxies and powers of attorney, and it is held by attorneys, repeals the former law under which the tax was collected. This view of the matter has been taken by many of the plantation firms and their proxies are being received without the revenue stamps. Collector Chamberlain does not interpret the law at all, but he submits the law and several circulars which, though unofficial, are issued by firms which are in close touch with the Treasury Department, and all of these say that the points in question were specifically repealed.

President Cecil Brown said yester-

day afternoon that while he might

have made a mistake, that he was not

as yet convinced, and would certainly stand by his ruling until there had been a decision by the court. He had, he said, no doubt as to the illegality of the proxies, because of the absence of a power of attorney accompanying them, and also from the fact that they were not dated. There could be no other meeting, he said, within thirty days. Mr. Brown further said that it had been suggested that the matter could be settled by the directors resigning, but that this would not be done. He said according to the law and the ruling of the Comptroller of the Currency, it was not necessary to have a majority of the stock to procure an election in a National bank. The fact that he voted less than 2500 shares could not be urged as against the perfect legality of the election held. He said the old officers of the bank would not give up their places un-

til the courts had decided the matter, in the contingency that the other side might

want to take up the matter and take le-It is expected by Mr. Dunne, the Un'ted States Attorney, who has been retained in the case, that he will have his bill ready to submit at once, perhaps today. Mr. Magoon is in the case as associate counsel. The most important ments yesterday, appears to be that the case will come up in the United States District Court. Should there issue a mandamus compelling the officers of the bank to call another meeting, it is asserted that the court will direct that it tute for the meeting of Tuesday, in effect declaring that no meeting was held upon that date, so that there will be no change in the alignment of the forces

as they were drawn up on that day. Should this be the case, it will not avail that two orders for stock of the bank have been placed in San Francisco, in the interest of President Brown, and these are said to have been filled, and the stock is alleged to be now on the way down here, so that if there is held a meeting as of February 14th, the stock will be taken from the shares representd by G. W. Macfarlane and added to the list of those in the control of Mr. Brown, while if the court shall hold that there was no meeting held on January 14th, and that such meeting shall be held, then there will be just the same distributlon of forces as of Tuesday, with the

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